Depot Town Rag

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December 1992

- **New neighbors**
- Depots featured
- DDA finally unified
- *New Year Jubilee*
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and other strictly local stuff. . . .

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Victorian Holiday starts the season in tradition

Open houses, caroling, expositions and more! Welcome the holiday season in Ypsilanti's historic Depot Town on Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6.

Holiday continues through Christmas and into New Year's

Those same shopping centers and catalog companies must get their calendars from someplace else. They started 'Christmas' some time real close to the Fourth of July parade and they'll be out of things by this week.

Down in this corny, old district by the railroad tracks, the merchants put up their holiday decor in late November and still recognize the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas to New Year's as The Holiday.

It's an old tradition that just stuck down here, and we'll probably keep right on doing it that way.

Mall managers would be surprised to see how many folks still adhere to that schedule for their shopping habits . . . and how many of them do their shopping in the old commercial districts.

Say, "Merry Christmas!"

Join your fellow Depot Towners as greeters at the gate to Riverside Park on Christmas Eve from 6 - 10 pm. Call the editor at 482-6371 to verifty what time you'll be able to come - or just show up and smile.

For more information regarding the Festival of Lights, group tours, and hotels please call 313/482-4920.

- **Santa in the Caboose**
- **Victorian Characters**
- **Story telling theatre**
- **Caroling in the Streets**
- **Merchants' Victorian sampler giveaways**
- **Window decorating**

DEPOT TOWN: An old-fashioned district where the holiday season begins and ends in December.

A Victorian Holiday

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Evening strollers traverse the district

The annual Festival of Lights opened in Riverside Park on Sunday, November 22 and will run from 6 to 10 pm every night through New Year's eve. Such a delightful holiday highlight certainly makes for a different pattern of sidewalk trade in the old shopping district down by the depot, since not everyone thinks the only way to see the spectacle is through their steamy car windows.

Every night sees the street-side and off-street parking lots in Depot Town crowded with vehicles whose passengers have opted for walking through the thousands of lights in the trees along the Huron River. Such walks are the places for sleigh rides, proposals of marriage, color photography studies, family strolls and evening sledding. Even a few proposals of marriage have been made from this romantic setting.

An appropriate adjunct to this sentimental seasonal tour is the walk from the parking space and back. The pedestrian bridge (tridge?) across the River and under Cross Street is a safe and beautiful place to begin the evening's tour, and just about everyone says, "Let's go back the other way," when they return. One way or another, they all decide to tour the old shopping district after hours to view the thoughtfully decorated windows along the way.

Nearly every merchant on the block has thoughtfully lighted the window displaying their wares and services during this season, and nearly every merchant has reported at least one new customer a week who claims, "We walked by your window one night last week and just had to come back and see your place when you were open!"

Everybody wins in annual window judging contest

Some may think the prizes handed out on the first Saturday in December are just like those 'earned' in elementary school . . . and they're right. Just like the tots, the window designers of Depot Town are rewarded for their own uniqueness and creativity, with the judges creating an appropriate category for every participating holiday window display. Not surprisingly, the judges are teachers, too!

Categories usually fit the following criteria:

- Home made stuff featuring home made values and traditions.
- Kid stuff. Some windows may seem specially oriented to children for the simple reason that they're *done by* children. They seem to know the market.
- Victoriana. Just about anything old seems to fit in this district's authentic Victorian storefronts. Remembrances of holidays past is a popular theme.

These simple tenets seem to pay off for everybody: the customer, the shopkeeper, and the families of both. How come the off-center shopping centers never figured it out?

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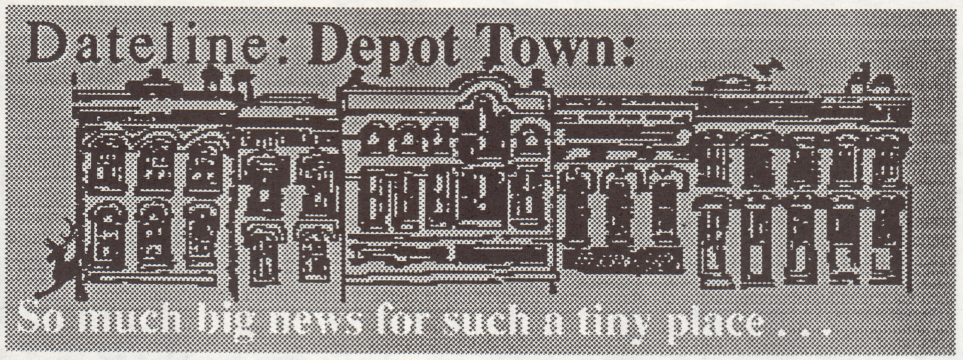


Richard Reid opens newest hair salon

Just a little more than a year after moving into the top floor of his building at 46-50 East Cross, Richard Reid completely remodeled the first floor shop property at his east end and installed the business which has sustained him through much of his professional life: Richard Reid's Hair Salon. As with nearly every shop on the block, this space has seen diverse changes in use and structure over the years. Recent memory has seen a gift shop, an upholsterer, a general store, a co-op art gallery, a clothing store, and various outlets for magazines, newspapers and books. River Artworks once held that space *and* their current one.

The current incarnation enjoys the most extensive physical changes in two decades, but the huge south-facing window remains, flooding the shop's work area with warm and welcome sunlight.

Like many of the shops in the district, this one also once had a stairway to the apartment above, but non exists today. This shopkeeper, too, will have to walk around the building and up the modern exterior stairs to his home after work in order to keep up this ancient tradition of living up over the store.

BJ's Sports Cards shop finds ideal location in the old depot district

Don't be too surprised when you enter the Sports Cards shop at 11 East Cross - nearest to the Cross Street Bridge - when you are greeted by a six-foot-tall Wayne Gretsky upon entering. Gretsky's height is made absolutely clear by the fact that there's a big yellow six-foot ruler behind him - and both the hockey player and the ruler are made of corrugated cardboard.

"You'll see other stars here," says Larry Preston, who also deals in autographs. "Faz brings his famous friends," indicates Preston, referring to Fazai Husain, local friend of the famous who accompanied Muhammed Ali on his recent stay in Ypsilanti.

Preston, who ran the Ypsilanti Public School bus garage before opening his shop in Depot Town, points out the uniqueness of such a shop in the depot district with sports cards, autographs, price guides and gift certificates for collectors. Larry and wife, Diane, are open 1-5 Tuesday through Saturday, noon - 5 Sunday, and closed Monday. They accept credit cards from Discover, MasterCard and VISA.

Welcome the Prestons to the block by viewing their magnificent collection of tradeables.

Knit Studio designs fashions for the world from 13 East Cross

Seeing the gorgeous knit designs in the window might lead some to wrongly conclude that this elegant little shop is a place to buy yarns for their own projects. Not so. The Nickie Lawrence Knit Studio is a custom knit shop where clients may pick their design, color and texture from samples and catalogs in the shop, then return to try on their one-of-a-kind costume made by Nickie, herself.

Not content with working out of her Troy, Michigan home/studio as her business grew, Nickie and her fiancé have moved the shop to Ypsilanti while they continue to distribute their stylish wares to some of the biggest dealers in the industry. Meanwhile, they are seeking new residence in the Plymouth area and enjoy the lively activity of Ypsi's old depot district.

The Studio's grand opening will take place in January but is now open for perusal of Nickie's lovely catalogs which feature her works on models posing at many colorful local venues. Watch for these photos to help acquaint shoppers with the beauty and authenticity of the area. After all, if General Motors was impressed, why shouldn't wearers of custom-made knit wear?

A new perspective

"What do you think of my photos?" asked Mark Yearby at the coffee table in the Farmers' Market one recent Saturday morning.

Many readers of *The Rag* are accustomed to seeing Richard Macias' 1976 bird's eye view *drawings* of the district which show the railroad track in a right/left horizontal and the streets on the diagonal, but only from Yearby's balloon two hundred feet above Old Town Hall can you really get the right angle to take such a *photograph*.

All around the table there was excitement about the possibility of printing such a marvel in January's publication of *The Rag*.

Mark markets high quality low level aerial photography through BIRDSEYE PRODUCTIONS, his studio at 2803 S. State in Ann Arbor and has produced his astounding views of our world for only the past few months.

Watch for 1993's first edition of *The Rag* and hope that your editors are successful in talking him out of one shot of the district. After all, there will be color copies available following the exposé of Mark's unusual technique for taking such artful views.

New Year Jubilee is coming December 31

Join other people nationwide in celebrating New Years Eve with an alcohol - drug-free evening.

Historic Depot Town and Downtown Ypsilanti will be filled with food, folk singers, story tellers, dance bands, comedians and other artists from 6pm until Midnight.

Attend evening services at area churches. Listen as church belles ring in the New Year at the closing ceremonies of the Festival of Lights in Riverside Park.

Bring your family, bring your friends young and old — for a safe and exciting celebration!

General Admission $6.00, General Admission with Trinidad* $10.00 (Children under five free)

Events, food, extras, and ticket information follow . . .

Saint Luke's Episcopal:
Sanctuary, Auditorium Lesser Hall, Greater Hall, & Guild Room

6 pm Sheila Ritter, Mommas & Puppets, Sherry Roberts
6:30 Sheila Ritter, Laura Pershin
7 pm Ann Arbor Magic Club, Ypsilanti Players, Sherry Roberts
7:30 Sheila Ritter, Mommas & Puppets
8 pm Ypsilanti Players, Laura Pershin, Gypsy Cab
8:30 Irish Music
9 pm Louise Woodruff, Madrigal Singers, Mommas & Puppets
10:30 Matt & Matt
11 pm Prayer Service

First Methodist:
Sanctuary & Dining Room

6 pm Chili Supper (see below)
6:30 Wanda Degen & Pooh Stevenson
7:30 Wanda Degen & Pooh Stevenson
8:30 Young People's Theater, Wanda Degen & Pooh Stevenson
9:30 Wanda Degen & Pooh Stevenson

Ladies Literary Club:
Elegant Dinner (see below)

Boys & Girls Club:
6:00 Open Gym
7 pm Karate, Judo, Aikido demo
8 pm Open Gym

Old Ypsi High:
Gym, Large Auditorium, AV Room

6 - mid Teen Dance w/ DJ and dance contest
6:30 Me, Her & Her
7 pm Wild Swan Theater's "Pinocchio"
8:30 Me, Her & Her
9:30 O.J Anderson / David Tamulevich

Presbyterian Church:
Sanctuary & Dining Room

6 pm Gospel Singers, Ypsi Riverside Jazz Band
9 pm Ypsilanti Community Choir
9:30 Donovan Johnson Jazz
12 mid Prayer Service

Manchester's Law Office:
8:30 Divertimente Jazz Combo
9:45 Divertimente Jazz Combo
10:15 Ruth Myers, harpist

Freighthouse:
7, 8:55 & 10:15 Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band *

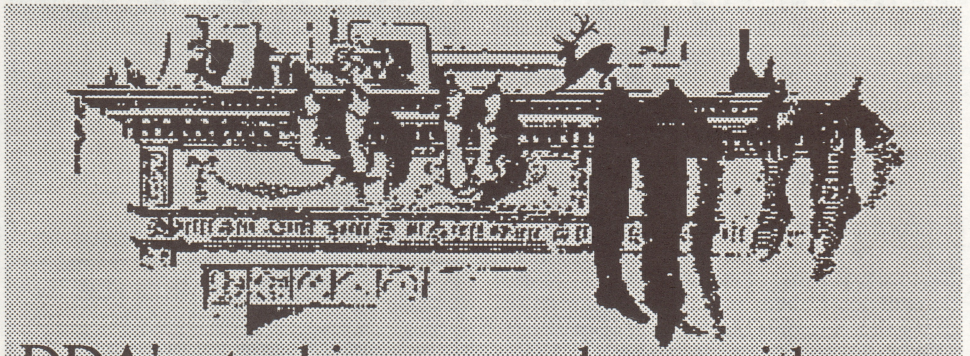
Riverside Park
6 pm Festival of Lights
11:45 Closing Ceremony

Food Specials:
Manchester's Law Offices: Fruit& cheeseplate, sparkling juices
Ladies Literary Club: $35 per person elegant dinner, two seatings, advance reservations.
Grandma's Kitchen (Huron & Cross): Hot cinnamon sticks, cookies, hot chocolate, cider, etc.
First United Methodist: Chili Supper benefits Full Circle CommCenter
Toarmina's Pizza: at St. Luke's, Freighthouse and Old Ypsi High
+ Miller's Ice Cream Parlor, J&R Trading Post, Daily Grind

Other extras:
Miller Motor Sales, Tom Conway's Auto & Fire Truck Museum, Ypsilanti Historical Museum

Check tickets for times and inclusions.

Tickets & Information: Ypsilanti Visitor & Convention Bureau 482-4920



DDA's stockings were hung with care; Council unifies district to fill them

It took several years of appearances before City Council, but this winter's efforts paid off in unifying the Depot Town Downtown Development District. Singular purpose on the part of neighborhood organizers was able to bring together on an equal basis virtually all of the district's properties into keeping their share of the local City tax revenue in the district's environs and making the improvements locally, rather than spreading them around the rest of the municipality. Sadly, a whole new era of neglect had to be proven, and the condition of the abandoned Old Town Restaurant location was a prime factor in convincing hold-outs.

As the issue came up again, DDA chair Paul Fetters put out this statement in a broadside to the district's property owners:

"A Downtown Development Authority is a 'public body' created by the local city or township to halt and prevent deterioration in business districts. The Depot Town DDA was started in 1984 with boundaries that excluded key properties in Depot Town.

"The Authority tried in 1990 to add five of these properties but was unsuccessful. The petition was made again in October of this year and stories about the resulting public hearing appeared recently in *The Ypsilanti Press* and *The Ann Arbor News*."

The DDA's last success before Council was when they created an Ad Valorem tax for themselves, keeping the dollars within the district. So far, says Fetters, the amount collected by that process is around $2000.

Properties added to the Depot Town DDA last month by City Council include Miller Motor Sales, Olde Towne Coin and Gold, City Body Carstar, The Thompson Block and the garage on Ninde Street.

DDA members will go before Ypsilanti City Council again this month to ask for an ordinance establishing a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) plan which will help building/property owners in the district return some taxes they pay directly to the neighborhood.

According to DDA's flyer circulated last month, "Establishing a T.I.F. district in Depot Town will have a positive effect in the years to come." **A public hearing will be held at City Council Monday, December 7 at 7:30pm.**

In the long political run that is often noted in Ypsilanti, Depot Town's singlemindedness seemed to outlast the ever-changing points of view of City Council members with last month's decision and old adversaries lined up on the side of the DDA's voice for a change.

Locally appointed, the DDA meetings are open to the public and they invite any interested persons to join them at 8 am on Wednesday mornings at the Daily Grind.

Current DDA members: Chair Paul Fetters, Secretary Gregory Dodd, Judi Monaghan, Carolyn McKeever, Bill French, Richard Reid, Ivan Harner, Corinne Sikorski, Mayor Clyde King ex-fficio.

Depot Town Association, Inc., 19 November 1992

DTA Met at 6:30 (one hour earlier than usual) in the Freighthouse.

DTA: Firmly rooted in the past - with a clear view forward!

Notes from October amended: DTA did NOT approve parking on Frog Island for Heritage Festival.

Treasury: $2741 on hand. Received $1500 from The Ark for Frog Island payment. $750 still due on Ark contract. $30 income for The Rag but we are behind on sponsor's pledges of support. Suggested we send certified letter to advertisers for past due accounts and remove them until paid up. It was suggested that we try to set up a year's budget.

Guest: Tony Caprarese, president of the Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce, regarding DTA membership in the Chamber. Mainly interested in individual membership. Feedback given to Tony regarding Chamber.

Guest: Ed Spitler is a "big band disc jockey," wants facility to put on dances on a regular basis and is interested in Depot Town. Would like Depot Town to help sponsor an event.

Victorian Holiday: Debate about closing of street. Special events permit needed by November 20 at noon. Horse-drawn carriage needs its own insurance.

Hollowe'en Hoopla had more than 200 participants and was a great success.

SongSisters' Freighthouse concert made a great time for all. More concerts will follow.

Special events parking will be investigated by DTA for future occasions.

Asking for opinions: Dave Blackmer, Bill and Dave French will walk the street and ask businesses if they want their names on the kiosk and get opinions of Victorian Holiday.

Winter street banners will be delivered November 20 and will be hung soon.

Larry Preston of BJ's Sports Cards introduced himself and plans to be active in the life of the block.

Lights: Festival of Lights will be augmented by Depot Town's building lights. Many need repair and extra bulbs are available. Holiday roping is available at cost ($22.50) from Hon's Flowers and must be ordered by November 25.

Doo-Dah Parade: Bill and Dave French will co-chair a 'Do-Do' Parade for September.

Meeting was adjourned for the Depot Town Downtown Development Authority to hold its meeting in the same place - with some of the same membership.

Sponsorships solicited for support

Local business's display in print is not an *advertisement* so much as a *sponsorship* of the district's goal and purpose

Sponsors for the next twelve issues of the district's paper are being sought from now until the first of the year. Thousands of people a month read the tiny neighborhood newsletter which has been the 'house organ' of the Depot Town Association since 1976 and the tradition seems to parallel and reflect the continued upgrading, improvement and preservation of life down in Ypsilanti's historic Depot Town.

Dedicated to "preserving the unique character of the neighborhood and to the enhancement of its business climate," *The Rag* and the Association continue to be the only organization whose sole interest focuses on this little block of East Cross and North River Streets.

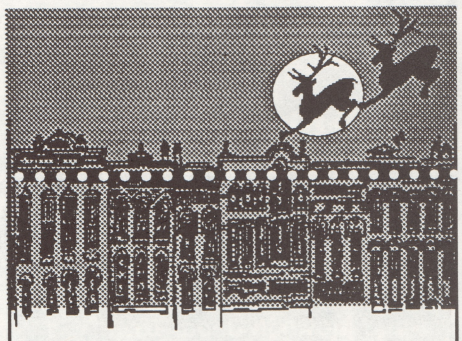
Carrying basically the information found on a business card, these tiny ads may also announce monthly specials and events if notice is given by the 3rd Thursday of the month before. Camera-ready art may be included and almost everybody includes their phone number.

While nearly every business includes "in Ypsilanti's historic Depot Town" in their other advertising and promotion, it's not necessary in *The Rag*. Aside from the out-of-town mailings to Aunt Hilda and the interested Associate Members, the other *Rags* are picked up at the counters of every business in the block by folks who are already committed to the district's style and flavor. They know all about Depot Town. They're part of it, themselves.

Every viable business on the block is invited to be part of it, too, for 1993. The $10 monthly payments for such support may be made monthly, quarterly, or annually — and you'll save $20 if you can pay for the whole year in advance.

Corny content continues:

The Rag plans to continue its decidedly local point of view which only mentions the world beyond this old railroad district when it has some relationship to the quality of life down by the tracks. And, yes, in such comparisons Depot Town usually comes out on top.



Strictly local stuff:

December 1992

Depot Towners are invited to participate in any or all of the following activities for the good of this old commercial district:

Depot Town Association
7:30 p.m. Thursday, 17
The Old Caboose

Depot Town Downtown Development Authority
8 am Wednesdays
at the Daily Grind

THE DEPOT TOWN RAG

A publication of the Depot Town Association, Inc. a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation dedicated to preserving the unique character of the neighborhood and to the enhancement of its business climate.

-Tom Dodd, editor

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Ypsilanti railroad fax

- from the United Way Campaign's brochure and Virginia Adamick's family album

Picture from the collection of Virginia T. Adamic, photographed by her husband, John. John and Virginia used to enjoy ice cream or a beer at what is now Aubree's Saloon, and run to the tracks to see the evening train come through Depot Town.

The Twilight Limited roars past the Ypsilanti depot in May of 1939

The first train to arrive in Ypsilanti . . .

The Michigan Central Railroad, which built the first major line in Michigan, completed the section of track between Detroit and Ypsilanti in February, 1838. The first train left Detroit bound for Ypsilanti on February 3, 1838. The 28-mile journey took three hours to complete. The line was extended to Ann Arbor in 1839 and the first train arrived there on October 17, 1839.

The Ypsilanti Freighthouse was built in 1875 at a cost of $15,000 and was originally a woodshed which provided fuel for the first locomotives. Before 1931 heat was provided to the Freighthouse from a boiler at the adjacent Michigan Central Garden's greenhouse.

The Michigan Central Gardens were located along the railroad east of the station and tracks. A section of the gardens could be viewed from the train. John Laidlaw, the gardener, became well known for his display of flowers. He would often build huge displays out of flowers and plants like the "Niagara Falls" and the battleship "Maine." Flowers from the Michigan Central Gardens were made into "nosegays." Little children dressed in blue uniforms and little round caps would carry the flowers aboard the trains and distribute them to the women passengers.

The Ypsilanti Depot's location was originally determined by its proximity to the Norris Sawmill (today's Frog Island Park) which provided materials for the depot and fuel for the trains. At 5:30 am on August 10, 1939 a west bound train jumped the tracks and slammed into the depot. Though a wall was knocked down and the roof caved in, no one was injured. The accident was blamed on excessive speed and bad tracks.

Aboard the train:

- A train conductor would collect fares by walking a foot-board running along the side of the cars and putting his head and arms through the windows.
- Trains transporting valuables would sometimes add a coach called a "Blind Baggage." This coach was special because on the rear it was equipped with holes where guardians could poke guns from if they were held up.

Depots featured at Heritage Foundation

Depot Program. Railroad buff, Sam Brecht, came all the way to Ypsi (from Ann Arbor) to talk to the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation about train depots around the country. As might be expected, some of those seen in Sam's excellent slides are no longer standing. Others, however, have been creatively adapted to new uses.

Brecht's examples ranged from giant mausoleums such as Chicago's Union Station to tiny, moveable depots used out west and carried on a flat car as need arose.

What's the difference in a 'depot' and a 'station?' Brecht says 'stations' are marked along the right-of-way as Dixboro and Denton are on our line; 'depots' have buildings for the comfort of passengers.

Brecht's entertaining presentation followed the rise and fall of railroads in America, from the earliest lines emanating from the East Coast, to the height in 1916, to the rapid decline following the World Wars.

What about the future of railroading? Will the so-called Bullet Train have any effect upon such railroad districts as Ypsilanti's Depot Town?

"That's the Bull Train!" retorted Brecht, explaining that a hundred-mile-an-hour train could not be supported on present trackage and that new rights-of-way could cost upwards of $100 million a mile. Besides, said Sam, the Michigan Central line is too curvy from Detroit to Kalamazoo.

Then, however, he went on to describe new technology which hugs curves better with a lower center of gravity, straight-line tracks from Kalamazoo west, and other possibilities for just such an eventuality.

Brecht's final slides were of the old depot at Ypsilanti. The early post card version showed the soaring Victorian structure in all its glory - before fires and train wrecks. The next slide showed a remodeled, one-story depot with board overhangs and the same squat tower which was recently replicated. There were no pictures of the depot in its present state.

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A Depot Town SAMPLER

Time's the test; old ways are best

Some denizens of Depot Town tend to get more sentimental at the advent of these winter holidays, but it's a neighborhood where sentiment is encouraged throughout almost all of the year. Hordes of folks crowd this tiny enclave in August and pretend they grew up here, telling their progeny about 'the way things used to be.' Another group of loyalists shows up in June and gives cause to believe that American jazz was born in Ypsilanti - rather than New Orleans and Chicago. Historic preservationists traipse through the block at all times of the day and night to tell us that "this is the way it always was and we should keep them this way forever, no matter what!"

Whatever the season, district regulars seem to be on to something that still hasn't occurred to much of the rest of the world. After the election season's slogans about family values, the result of some of America's old fashioned ways of doing things are still the regular way of doing things on this block.

Old fashioned stick-to-it-iveness may be one of the saving graces of such a retroactive mentality. Maybe - just maybe - if we keep this corny old commercial/residential district going for another one hundred and sixty years, some of the rest of this society will take note and come back to their roots and innate neighborliness and begin to get it, themselves.

Meanwhile, Depot Towners are out there caroling in the streets, wishing each other heartfelt Christmas greetings at open houses, arguing at meetings, volunteering their good will and good assistance and helping each other out on local promotions for the good of the block.

Sociologists may claim this neighborhood ethic to be a harbinger of a new order, but our friends and neighbors know better. It's been around for a long, long time and, if our clientele holds these same values, the way we treat each other will be around a lot longer, still.

What an ancient, albeit radical, concept of district development! Here's a district ready to continue it into 1993. Happy New Year!

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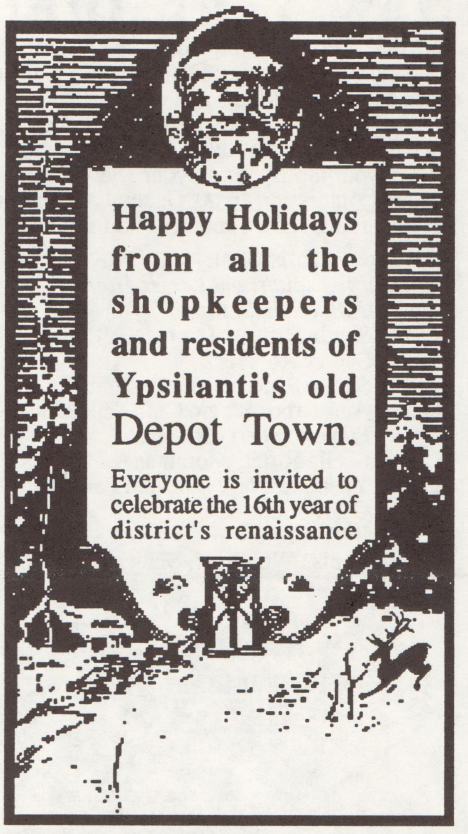
Happy Holidays from all the shopkeepers and residents of Ypsilanti's old Depot Town.
Everyone is invited to celebrate the 16th year of district's renaissance

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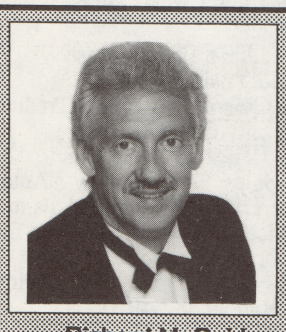
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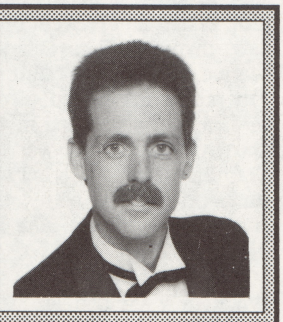
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